

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 516
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Susan Hall, on her nomination for "Metro Teacher of the Year" honors by Tulip Grove Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Susan Hall is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Susan Hall has recently been nominated for Metro Teacher of the Year honors by Tulip Grove Elementary School, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the children she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Susan received her bachelor's degree from Transylvania University and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee; she also completed some graduate course work at the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Susan Hall has served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen as a physical education teacher since 1989; and

WHEREAS, her instructional skills have been categorized as superb, as has her understanding and compassion for children; she has helped institute developmentally appropriate practices in the physical education program, such as a non-competitive field day that stresses physical activity, participation and success for all students; and

WHEREAS, her enthusiasm, her innovation and her genuine concern for the physical education program are admirable; her flexibility in working with students, parents and teachers has earned her an enviable reputation as an excellent teacher who truly cares about those children whose lives she touches; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated the highest level of professional commitment and competence in her work with students and colleagues; she gives generously of her valuable time, and often works beyond the school day; and

WHEREAS, Susan's accomplishments and activities are many, including being lead teacher on the curriculum-writing committee for the development of an Elementary Physical Education Curriculum for Metropolitan Public Schools; co-founder and co-coordinator of "Care and Share", a group of physical educators in the Metro Nashville Schools; a member of the Physical Education Pro-Team; a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee; and a member of the Parent Involvement Committee, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, every year, Susan assists the Fraternal Order of the Elks by holding a Free-Throw Shooting Contest to help identify participants for the Madison Elks Club Free-Throw Shooting Contest; and

WHEREAS, instead of focusing on a watered-down sports curriculum, Ms. Hall teaches fundamental movement concepts, manipulative and non-manipulative skills and locomotive skills; this curriculum assures that students are no longer embarrassed because they are not the best athlete; and

WHEREAS, Susan shares this teaching concept with physical education teachers who are still teaching in the traditional style with the traditional curriculum; using Susan's innovating techniques, Tulip Grove was the first Demonstration School chosen in the Metro Nashville Public School system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall wants her students to understand fair play, to learn to resolve conflicts, and to appreciate the value of physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Susan is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential; she believes that children are to be valued and loved; and

WHEREAS, she plans for every student to progress at his/her own development level; from the “athletically elite” to the multiply handicapped, each and every student is provided with lessons and skills that meet his/her needs within Ms. Halls curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Susan believes that cooperation, sportsmanship and thinking skills, as well as the development of physical activity skills, give the physical education teacher a good foundation of skills to lead the students; and

WHEREAS, Susan Hall is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Susan’s greatest hope is that her students will realize that they were loved, valued, and cared for when they were in her class; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, Susan Hall is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality physical education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Susan Hall on being nominated as “Metro Teacher of the Year” by Tulip Grove Elementary School, commend her meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.